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**NOTICE OF MEETING TO SOLICIT PUBLIC COMMENTS AND INTENT TO ACT
UPON AMENDMENTS TO THE STATE PLAN FOR MEDICAID SERVICES**

AGENDA

Date of Publication: December 30, 2005

Date and Time of Meeting: January 31, 2006, starting at 9:00 a.m.

Name of Organization: The State of Nevada, Department of Human Resources, Division of Health Care Financing and Policy (DHCFP)

Place of Meeting: Legislative Counsel Bureau
401 S. Carson St.
Room 2135
Carson City, NV

Place of Video-Conference: Grant Sawyer State Office Building
555 E. Washington Ave.
Room V4406
Las Vegas, NV

Subject: State Plan Amendment (SPA)

1. *Discussion and Proposed Adoption of Amendments to the State Plan for Medicaid Services

State Plan Amendment 05-XXX amends Attachment 4.19-A of the Nevada State Plan for Medicaid. The acute care inpatient hospital per diem rates for newborn, maternity, and medical/surgical categories are being increased.

Effective September 1, 2003, DHCFP changed the methodology under which acute care inpatient hospital services are paid. Prior to this date, inpatient hospital services for the Medical/Surgical, Maternity and Newborn categories were paid using tiered rates based upon length of stay. Subsequently, claims began being paid based on a single per diem rate for each category. The conversion from tier to per diem rates was intended as a technical change to facilitate implementation of the Medicaid Management Information System (MMIS).

At the time of the change, DHCFP gave assurance to hospital providers that a subsequent analysis would be performed to determine if the conversion resulted in budget neutrality. The analysis has been done, and shows, for the first 25 months of MMIS claims payments, a 7.57% underpayment for per diem versus tiers. To make the providers whole for this underpayment by the end of State Fiscal Year 2007, a 10.01% rate increase to per diem rates for Medical/Surgical, Maternity and Newborn services effective January 1, 2006 is proposed. It is further proposed that, effective July 1, 2007, the rate revert to 7.57% above the present rate.

This projected fiscal impact of this amendment is:

	Federal	State
State Fiscal Year 2006:	\$3,701,041	\$3,373,289
State Fiscal Year 2007:	\$7,688,726	\$7,148,277

Changes will be effective on January 1, 2006.

2. **Public Comment for State Plan Amendment**
3. **General Public Comments limited to 5 minutes per person.**
4. ***Adjournment**

Nevada Medicaid is unaware of any financial impact to other entities or local government due to this public hearing, other than as stated above.

*** Denotes items, including subparts, on which action may be taken.**

PLEASE NOTE: Items may be taken out of order at the discretion of the chairperson. If an action item is not completed within the time frame that has been allotted, that action item will be continued at a future time designated and announced at this meeting by the chairperson. All public comment may be limited to 5 minutes.

Notice of this meeting and draft copies of the changes will be available on or after the date of this notice at the DHCFP Web site (dhcfp.state.nv.us); Carson City Central office and Las Vegas DHCFP. The agenda posting of this meeting can be viewed at the follow locations: Nevada State Library; Carson City Library; Churchill County Library; Las Vegas Library; Douglas County Library; Elko County Library; Lincoln County Library; Lyon County Library; Mineral County Library; Tonopah Public Library; Pershing County Library; Goldfield Public Library; Eureka Branch Library; Humboldt County Library; Lander County Library; Storey County Library; Washoe County Library; and White Pine County Library and may be reviewed during normal business hours.

If requested in writing, a copy of the proposal will be mailed to you. Requests and/or written comments on the proposed changes may be sent to the Division of Health Care Financing and Policy, 1100 E. William Street, Suite 102, Carson City, NV 89701.

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